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## Newsletter

### Number 13

### 20 May 2011



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#### Thanks

... To farmers in the community for nominating Matarau to receive a donation of \$128.99 from North Fuels for fuel purchased over the last quarter.

To Lisa Jones and Angie Duff for work in the school garden - and for motivating so many children to become involved. Watch this space!

.. To those parents who have discussed the compassion virtue at home and identified ways to practise this over the next few weeks.

.. To our headlice inspection team,

#### People of the week

.. Those children in the virtues club for conscientiously sharing their knowledge and skills in their homeroom.

.. Samuel Williams who consistently shows compassion and thoughtfulness to others.

.. Seth and Tegan (D Grade), Meadow and Ella (E Grade), all received "Player of the Day" for Matarau Hockey in the last two weeks. Also awesome support from the parents.

.. The Yr 5/6 netball team, Matarau Misfits, who won their first game 12-1 and to Tayla who was awarded "Player of the Day"

.. Those children who are wearing their high vis vests to school each day.

#### CURRENT VIRTUE .. COMPASSION

Let us know if you did not receive your support material.

Please remember to ..

.. take the time to discuss the attached material with your child(ren) at home.

.. discuss times when you have / do apply this virtue in your own lives.

.. seek out some opportunities for application over the next few weeks.

.. advise us of your successes so that we can share these with others.

#### Dental Caravan

In discussion with the dental personnel it appears that most of our students have **either** used the service in recent years (in which case they will be registered) **or** those who have not been seen by the DHB Dental team should have received registration forms last week. If you received registration forms please return to the school office asap. The school will do its best to ensure all children are seen.

A reminder that ..

.. Christine Fraser and Suzanne Joass are our on site dental therapists.

.. The caravan will operate on Wednesdays and Fridays

.. This is principally a diagnostic caravan which will only do very minor preventative work

.. Referrals are made to treatment centres in town when this is required.

.. Messages for the clinic can be left at the school office, Your concerns will be noted in a notebook for the dental team.

### **Drink Bottles**

Please ensure children bring a drink bottle to school each day - water is best.

### **Dates for this month**

We will advise other events as these come to hand.

26 May HPV vaccination - Year 8 girls 27-29 May 20 Hour Famine

### **Science FAIR - senior school**

Teachers will keep parents pretty up to date with this programme as it unfolds and, in most cases, parents will receive timelines showing what needs to be done by when. Please contact your child's teacher EARLY if they are encountering difficulty or if you have any questions. This is a team effort and we are here to help.

### **Change of date**

Please note that the date for the Year 7 and 8 Winter Tournament has been moved to 2 June (not 3 June).

### **School Contribution**

Those who opted for term contributions will have received a request for payment this week. These payments are voluntary but are encouraged and very much appreciated. Always let us know if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

### **Headlice inspection**

If you received advice of suspected infestation please take appropriate action over the weekend. Children will be checked again next week.

Regular checks at home means fewer treatments overall and less exposure to insecticides.

### **Medication**

If we hold medication for your child please call by (or phone) to check the currency of this medication.

### **Cellphones**

We discourage children from bringing cellphones to school but we realise that cellphones are a good idea in specific circumstances. If your child does bring a cellphone to school it is important that they drop it to the office on arrival and pick it up after school. We promise to look after them.

### **20 Hour Famine - 27-29 May**

Parents are asked to encourage children to sign up their sponsors over the weekend as this date is fast approaching. Further consent forms are available from the school office. Thanks to all of those involved.

### **Music Lessons at school**

If interested in piano or keyboard lessons for your child(ren) please give Kevin a call next week. There is a possibility of tutors visiting during school time if there is sufficient interest. The cost would be \$18 for 20 minutes / \$22.50 for 30 minutes. Tutors are apparently pretty experienced. Some interest to date but not enough yet to make this viable.

### **Request from Room 9**

Room 9 is doing some mosaic work here at school this term. We have been supplied with tiles to beautify our school. We require 3-4 adult helpers each Friday morning to assist us with this 9-10.30 am. Any adult able to help please contact me at school asap as we'd like to get under way soon. Please contact Kaye Witte if you are able to assist us.

### **Request from Middle Syndicate**

Middle Syndicate is running a rotational afternoon on Friday's from 1.30pm-3pm. I require some parent helpers to assist me with a gymnastic session. 3-4 helpers needed each Friday afternoon starting Week 2. Please see or contact Kaye Witte if you can help out.

### **Maori Liaison Person**

The Board is keen to appoint a Maori liaison person to act as a contact and support person for Maori families and to advise the Board where appropriate. If you would like to discuss your availability / suitability for such a role please give Kevin a call or have a chat to a board member.

### **Choir .. can you help?**

Please make contact Mrs Williams (Grace) if able to accompany our choir on any of their off-site visits - 31 May, 5 July and 8 August.

### **Zumba**

Our zumba tutor is no longer taking sessions here at school but we have had an approach from another provider. We are not sure what interest there is in this so .. if you would likely attend Zumba classes here in the school hall on one evening a week, please give Kevin a call. Some interest so far but not quite at the viability threshold yet.

### **Tutoring - year 7 and 8**

English and maths. 3:45 to 4:30 - 5:00 to 5:45. If interested phone Anita on 4380457.

### **Community Notices**

Eczema Presentation - Practical tips for daily management, Tues 21 June, 7pm, ASB Lounge, ASB Leisure Centre, Western Hills Dr, To register email [allergy@allergy.org.nz](mailto:allergy@allergy.org.nz) or call 0800340800 ext 2.

Trivial Pursuit Night - Kamo Intermediate School, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm, Lucky spot prizes, raffles, auction, entertainment. \$90 per team of 6. No Door sales, Book at Office 4350343

Storytime Character Hunt - Sunday 15 May, 10.30-12.30, Whangarei Central Library, The annual scavenger hunt for favourite storybook characters. Loads of fun for everyone. Don't miss it! All children attending must have an accompanying adult.

Aladdin Pantomime - presented by Kamo High School, 22 May @ 2pm and 23-28 May @ 7pm. Enquiries and Bookings phone 4351688.

Cadbury Chocolate - Caramello and Dairy Milk for sale, \$2.50 each. Left over from the School fundraiser.

School Newsletter .. If you would like to receive this by email contact us on [admin@matarau.school.nz](mailto:admin@matarau.school.nz)

### **Replacement Teacher - Room 10**

We have been impressed with the quality of applicants for this position and hope to announce the new Room 10 teacher next week. Our objectives have been threefold - to get the best teacher we can in to this room - to do this as quickly as we can - to ensure the Room 10 programme is minimally disrupted. We are confident of delivering on all three counts and thank parents (and children) for their patience.

### **Sponsors**

Our sponsors support our school. Please use their services when you can.

### **Something Pretty Special**

At 11:00 AM next Thursday (26<sup>th</sup>) our school will be visited by a lady called Helen Eager - a missionary who has devoted most of her life to working with poor orphans in India. Helen has made an enormous difference in the lives of countless children, many of whom have gone on to achieve in spite of seemingly insurmountable odds. These children (many now adults) return to the orphanages where they grew up to support Helen's work with other children and to re-connect with their 'Mother Helen'. Helen will speak to some of our classes starting 11:00 AM in the hall (probably for 30-45 minutes) and interested parents are warmly invited to come along to sit in and listen. I have heard Helen speak, I have seen her on television, and she is truly an inspiration. Her compassion and humility mark her as one of the most exceptional people I have ever met. I hope that some of you can join us on the day.

### And Finally

What do you get if you cross a crocodile with a flower? I don't know but I'm not going to smell it.

Regards  
Kevin Trehwella  
PRINCIPAL

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children, please support them



- Ⓢ These will be available for \$3.00 each.
- Ⓢ Orders to the Office by 9.00am on Monday.
- Ⓢ If any parent would like to help serve please contact the Office.
- Ⓢ We will be trialling these options this term. If you have any other suggestions please give us a call.

## **Lunches now available on Monday's**

Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & grated cheese (optional) & a juice

**OR**

Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice

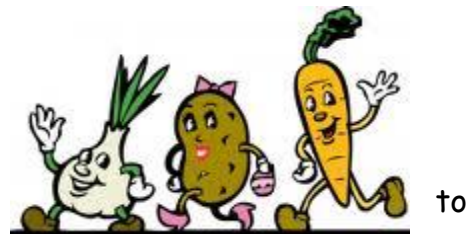


# The Matarau Mid-Winter Masquerade

is coming  
16<sup>th</sup> July 2011

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## Garden Club

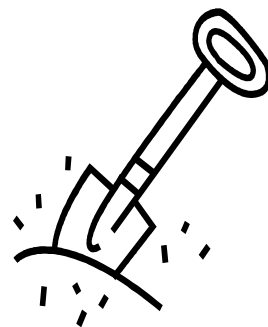


Students have this week been asked if they would like to join our new garden club if they have an interest in vegetable gardening. We have had an overwhelming response! It will run every Wednesday lunch-time (weather dependant).

We would still love to hear from anyone who would like to help out, as the more parents available to help, the more the children will get out of it! We are also looking for the following items:

- Animal manure
- Old hay/silage
- Old carpet
- Leftover packets of seeds
- 5L or bigger containers for holding fluid (must not have held anything harmful to plants).

Contact Lisa Jones on 435 6199 with offers. Thank you.



## **Compost for Sale**

Fonterra have very generously offered to donate compost for the school garden. They have also donated a large amount for us to sell as a fundraiser for the school.



The compost is made from whey mixed with sawdust, and is great for the garden. Whey provides the soil with minerals such a magnesium, potassium and protein and also improves the overall texture.

We will be selling it for \$30 / trailer load which can be picked up from the yard on Jordan Valley Road. There may be an option to purchase large bags for a smaller fee, please indicate below if would prefer this alternative.

Pickup will be available on two dates at this stage, depending on demand, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> June, between 2 and 4 pm.

Contact Lisa Jones on 435 6199 for more information. Thank you.

I ..... would like to purchase ..... trailer load(s) of whey compost.

I have enclosed .....\$. Payable to the School Office before pickup.

I will pick up on Saturday 4 June ..... or, Saturday 18 June..... between 2 & 4pm

### Directions

From Matarau School, turn right onto Rushbrook Rd, go to end, turn right onto Jordan Valley Rd, and turn into first driveway on left.